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Notice of Retraction

The Editor of the *Journal* regrets to inform our readers that the article Malagon I, Onkenhout W, Klok M, Linthorst L, van der Poel PFH, Bovill JG, and Hazekamp MG. Dexamethasone reduces gut permeability in pediatric cardiac surgery. *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg* 2005;130:265-271 has been retracted.

Subsequent to its publication, the authors indicated that the study was not prospectively randomized as stated in the Methods section. Upon independent review as an observational study, it was concluded that the findings were underpowered to allow the conclusions drawn with adequate certainty.